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Izembek National Wildlife Refuge Solicits Public Comments On Proposed False Pass Landfill

The Refuge Manager of Izembek National Wildlife Refuge is preparing a compatibility determination regarding the proposed construction of a road and landfill facility at False Pass, Alaska and is soliciting public comments. In this compatibility determination the Refuge Manager will evaluate how the construction and associated operating impacts of this project will affect adjacent refuge lands, located approximately 1.5 miles from the project site. Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2008. The road and landfill project is described in the U.S. Department of Agriculture document entitled, *False Pass Landfill Access Road, Categorical Exclusion Documentation* dated April 6, 2007, the *Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact, False Pass, Alaska*, dated May 4, 2005 and the draft compatibility determination. These documents are available from the Izembek Refuge Office or the following web site:
<http://alaska.fws.gov/nwr/planning/completed.htm>

Public comments must be made in writing and received at the refuge headquarters by **June 20, 2007** to be considered. Both U.S. Mail and email comments will be accepted. The final compatibility determination on this use should be available on July 18, 2007. Copies of this final compatibility determination can be obtained from the Refuge Manager. Anyone providing comments will be notified and provided a copy of the final determination.

Because the project occurs on lands that have been conveyed to the Isanotski Corporation with patent restrictions imposed by Section 22 (g) of the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANSCA), a refuge compatibility determination is required. This determination will only evaluate the effects of the projects on the adjacent refuge lands and focus on how the project would affect the ability of the refuge to achieve its purposes.

The public is invited to provide relevant information and express their views on whether or not this project will materially interfere with or detract from the refuge's ability to meet its mandated purposes. For further information or to provide comments, by June 20, 2007, contact: Refuge Manager, Izembek National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 127, Cold Bay, Alaska 99571; (907) 532-2445; or by e-mail to izembek@fws.gov.